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SUBJECT: CANADA AND NATO MINISTERIAL

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL AFFAIRS,
EXTAFF, (CAMERON) INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR DECEMBER 3
THAT CANADA APPROACHING NATO MINISTERIAL IN BRUSSELS WITH
FOLLOWING TOPICS IN MIND:

A. MIDDLE EAST - CANADA WOULD HOPE THAT FOCUS COULD
BE ON PRESENT AND FUTURE AND NOT ON POSSIBLE MISUNDER-
STANDINGS OF PAST. WITH THAT OBJECTIVE IN MIND, CANADA
WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ALLIANCE REACHING A GENERAL
CONSENSUS ON PRESENT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURES FOR IMPROVED FUTURE CONSULTATIONS ON SIMILAR
PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

B. MBFR - ALLIANCE SHOULD REVIEW ITS POSITION ON
MBFR IN LIGHT OF TABLED SOVIET PROPOSAL. CANADA DOES
NOT BELIEVE PRESENT ALLIED POSITIONS ADEQUATELY TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT ALL ELEMENTS NOW REVEALED IN SOVIET
PROPOSITION.

C. CSCE - CANADA INTENDS TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER
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MEMBERS VIEWS OF WHAT THEY WOULD REGARD AS SUFFICIENT

PROGRESS IN PHASE TWO CSCE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT MOVING ON TO PHASE THREE.

D. CCMS - CANADA WILL REITERATE ITS VIEW AS TO HOW USEFUL THE CCMS EFFORT IS AND URGE OTHER MEMBERS TO SPEAK UP IN FAVOR OF CCMS.

E. BURDENSARING - WITHOUT INDICATING CANADIAN POSITION, CAMERON SAID THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT WHICH THEY WOULD DISCUSS AT BOTH DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MEETINGS.

2. CAMERON SAID GOC WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING, IN ADVANCE OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, US VIEWS ON DATE AND PLACE FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING NEXT SPRING. HE SAID THERE IS ASSUMPTION THAT SPRING MEETING WOULD BE COMBINED WITH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THREE POSSIBLE SITES ARE BEING INFORMALLY DISCUSSED: BRUSSELS, PARIS OR WASHINGTON.
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